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Art Group: 1765

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & §1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Written Opinion from the Australian Patent Office, submitted to representatives for Applicants in connection with a corresponding patent application in Singapore. Also enclosed are copies of documents cited in this Written Opinion, apparently not previously of record in the above-identified application. Further enclosed is a List, on Form PTO/SB/08A, of the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to issuance of a Notice Of Allowance And Fee(s) Due in the above-identified application, which was mailed September 29, 2004, but prior to payment of the Issue Fee. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(d), (1) the necessary fee under 37 CFR § 1.97(d)(2)(c) (see 37 CFR § 1.17(p)) is submitted herewith, and (2) the following Statement is made under 37 CFR § 1.97(e):

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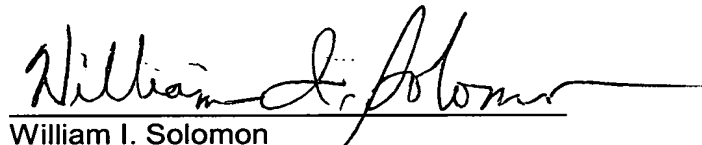
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents on the enclosed List. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents; and, subsequent thereto, issuance of a U.S. patent based upon the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 566.39787CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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